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1. A majority of police in Halle were ordered on 28 July 1948 to report to central places of assembly on 29 July and be transported to Berlin by trucks requisitioned by the city for the occasion. All trucks in the Halle area were ordered to report to the Transportation Section of the City Administration on 28 July for short service on an important job for the city. 25X1X

2. It is planned by the SED to stage public demonstrations in front of and inside the Berlin City Parliament on the afternoon of 29 July and to finally split the City Parliament, thereby dividing Berlin into East and West. The police question is to be the starting point. They would be similar to the demonstrations of 24 June but more extensive. Provincial police are reportedly coming to Berlin in large numbers in order to assure the smooth operation of these staged demonstrations. 25X1A

3. [REDACTED] fifty railroad policemen from Belsig have been ordered to drive with their own transport to Berlin, reporting at 1100 hours on 29 July to the Central Administration of Interior.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comments: The Public Safety Branch of Military Government and Acting Police President Johannes Stumm have about a dozen similar reports. The SPD is taking steps to assemble the militant SPD elements in the Russian Sector and in the City Parliament in order, if necessary, to fight back against the planned disorders. The SPD is fully confident that it can handle any situation as long as no Russian trucks or military personnel participate.)

4. There is a definite possibility that the planned demonstrations, as described above, will not occur if it is found that preparations for countermeasures make the success of such demonstrations unlikely. Recently, a similar demonstration was cancelled at the last moment, but preparations were not as extensive in that case.

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